

COMMUNITY NEWS



About 100 local senior citizens (and a sprinkling of family friends) turned out last Thursday evening for the 4th of July barbecue, hosted by the Elba Senior Citizens Center. The event was moved to the Elba Fire Department building to accommodate the large gathering. Senior Citizens Center staff members decorated the building and the dining tables in patriotic colors and symbols of America's independence. Robert Crowder, district director of the Commission of Aging, which funds the center, was an honored guest. Also present was Senator and Mrs. Jimmy Holley as well as Representative Terry Spicer.



Representative Terry Spicer and Senator and Mrs. Jimmy Holley enjoy a laugh while eating with the Senior Citizens last Thursday night.

The Great Smokies Mountains are the Cherokee Indian's Treasure

For untold centuries before Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his troops moved into the southern mountains of the Appalachian range in 1540, the Cherokee Nation not only included these mountains but 135,000 square miles of territory.

Ranging from the Ohio River to the North, southward into northern Alabama and Georgia, the Cherokee's land area once encompassed parts of what are now eight states. In addition to Alabama and Georgia their territory included sections of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Today, cities and towns dot the once unpopulated territory of the Cherokee people.

At the time de Soto arrived the Cherokee people numbered only about 25,000 — a very small number compared to the millions who now live on former Cherokee land.

Part of their original homeland was western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, an area geographically dominated by a mountainous area internationally known as the Great Smoky Mountains.

Today, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians live on 56,000 acres in the heart of the Great Smokies adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. To many, including the Cherokee, there is no other place as beautiful as the Smokies.

Geologists have defined the Smokies as a part of the oldest mountains in the world. The Alps and Rockies are "new" mountains according to geologists, their towering rock peaks unworn by nature, unlike the Appalachians. It wasn't the age of these mountains that intrigued the Cherokee but the bluish haze so evident throughout the year "Sho-na-ge" (Land of the Blue Mist) was how the Cherokee named them.

Today, millions of visitors from throughout the world come to enjoy what the Cherokee have experienced for unnumbered generations — the spectacular beauty of the Great Smokies. However, too many people are erroneously led into believing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Great Smoky

Mountains are synonymous and others are convinced that the Great Smokies are located only in Tennessee. As seasoned vacationers to the area know, about 90 percent of the Great Smoky Mountains is stretched throughout the entire western North Carolina area. The other ten-percent is located in the southern corner of Tennessee and northern Georgia, which borders North Carolina.

Sixty percent of the Park's 550,000 acres are in North Carolina while about forty percent are located in Tennessee. "It's truly unfortunate," states David Redman of the Cherokee Tribal Travel and Promotion Office, "that so many people who vacation in the area never experience the breadth and depth of the offerings of the Great Smokies. To truly experience the Smokies, vacationers need to plan several days in the area and design a variety of day-trips throughout, north Georgia, eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. Many excellent sources for obtaining information are available such as the American Automobile Association and several visitor centers in the region, including those operated by the National Park Service."

So many people are misled and misinformed about the Smokies, Redman says. Park statistics show that about 90 percent of the people driving into the Park never stop and leave their car to enjoy a view or a nature trail. Within the confines of the Park there are more species of trees and plants than on the whole of the European continent. Nine hundred miles of hiking trails have been developed within the borders of the Park to transport people into this wonderland of unmatched views, forest and vegetation.

Each season brings a unique touch to the Smokies. Snow-covered peaks in the winter; floral wonderland in the spring; cool temperatures and thick vegetation in the summer; and spectacular colors in the fall.

Visitor information can be obtained by contacting the following sources: Cherokee Visitor Center, P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719 (800) 438-1601 Smoky Mountain Hotel, 4437 Georgia Rd., Franklin, NC 28734 (800) 432-4678

Choose the right lawn grass to maintain an ideal home lawn

Stan Windham, County Agent

The key to an attractive, serviceable lawn is choosing a grass best adapted to your site and conditions. Now is a good time to plan for summer home lawn planting. Suitable lawn grasses are available for most home sites in Coffee County, but several questions should be answered before making a final choice.

Let's take a look at the summer lawn grasses. You can take your choice of the zoysia grasses, hybrid bermuda grasses, common bermuda, centipedegrass and St. Augustine grasses.

If the lawns will be used for a recreation area where children play football, baseball and other games, your best choice is one of the hybrid bermuda grasses. Hybrid bermudas are established with sprigs and require practically full sun for good growth. The bermudas will stand quite a bit of traffic or wear and recover rapidly. Also, they spread

fast after springing. Common bermuda is established by seed but does not form a dense sod like the hybrids.

The zoysia grasses grow well in sun and fairly dense shade. If you have pines or other deep rooted trees and want a pretty lawn, consider Matrella, Emerald, or Meyer zoysia grass. Zoysia will stand only light traffic and wear. It recovers slowly. It is established vegetatively with sprigs but can be established with seed. It grows in full sun and part shade. Centipede will stand only light traffic and wear.

St. Augustine grass grows in full sun or fairly dense shade. It will stand only light traffic and wear.

In dense shade or under shallow rooted trees, it is best to use low growing ground cover plants. Some of the most popular are ivy, ajuga, Bigleaf and Little leaf Periwinkle and Liriope.

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Kleinert's, Inc. acquires brand name of Buster Brown Apparel

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Kleinert's, Inc., one of the nation's leading producers of quality children's wear, has purchased the Buster Brown brand name, trademarks and other assets of Buster Brown Apparel, Inc.

In making the announcement, Jack Brier, chairman of the board of Kleinert's, Inc., said, "I have spent years looking at various business opportunities to combine with our organization and I can tell you that nothing comes closer to the acquisition of Buster Brown Apparel. The brand is an American icon, and to have the chance to build this brand and ensure that its rich history endures is a rare and very special opportunity."

Kleinert's intends to preserve the Buster Brown Apparel name and logo exactly as they are. In addition to the brand name and trademarks, the purchase includes Buster Brown's current inventory and receivables. Other terms of the acquisition, including purchase price, were not disclosed.



Pinkney Sims, Executive Vice President and General Manager, was optimistic about the recent acquisition and said, "This represents an outstanding opportunity to grow our business. The Buster Brown label is a highly important nationwide and we hope to maintain that confidence for the benefit of consumers."

He continued with a statement that this acquisition should be a positive stabilizing of the company's distribution center, which is located in Elba.

More than 50 Buster Brown employees will join Kleinert's staff, which now numbers more than 1,700. Approximately 40 people in the design and merchandising group will relocate to a new facility in Chattanooga, Tenn., while 11 sales personnel will remain at their present locations. Buster Brown maintains sales offices in New York and Dallas. Distribution, general and

administrative functions will be handled at Kleinert's existing 400,000-square-foot facility in Elba, Ala.

According to Brier, Kleinert's plans to "continue to improve the value of the Buster Brown line." The brand will also be more fashionable than it has previously, to keep pace with the growing sophistication of today's kids. Overall, the key word is "value," and it will be our continuing goal to make Buster Brown Apparel the best value in the industry.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the acquisition is the incredible vitality of the Buster Brown Apparel brand," Brier continued. "The past two years have been difficult, but the brand has survived like a champion. Now we're eager to return the business to profitability as quickly as possible, then build on that to make Buster Brown the preeminent brand in the children's apparel industry."

Brier said he expects the Buster Brown line to account for a substantial percentage of Kleinert's sales total in Fiscal Year 2000. He added that the company has begun showing the Buster Brown line for Spring 2000 and that it is being enthusiastically received.

Commission awards relocation bids

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission continued its recent trend of short and to-the-point meetings on Monday with the business session lasting less than forty-five minutes, and that included a fifteen minute recess.

Most of the business session consisted of opening bids on moving two dwellings — a house and trailer, and on the paving of Co. Rd. 623.

The bids for moving the two dwellings are part of the hazard mitigation project implemented by the county and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). There were two house moving firms — Hussey & Sons of Elba and Duckey Johnson House Movers, of Grand Ridge, Fla. — that submitted bids on the relocation of the Wayne White residence located on Rt. 116, S.W. 828 in the Big Creek area. The same two companies also submitted bids on moving the residence of Jewel Turner located at the intersection of Co. Rds. 215 and 221 near Whitewater Creek at Lowry Mill.

Hussey and Sons submitted the low bid on the White residence at \$38,300. The Johnson firm's bid was \$41,306.

On the Turner residence, Duck Johnson House Movers was the low bidder at \$1,700. Hussey bid \$8,000.

During the discussion of the two

bids, the question was asked if Johnson had looked at the Turner residence. Although the Turner residence is basically a mobile home, it has two additions — a porch and an additional room attached to it. Commissioners noted that it will involve more than just moving a mobile home.

Wilson Mobley, county administrator, told the commission members that to his knowledge, no one from the Johnson firm had surveyed the Turner residence.

After the commission voted to award the moving contracts to the lowest bidders, Mobley stated that if for some reason Johnson said he could not move the Turner residence for the bid price, he would report back to the commission for further instructions. It was noted that should that happen, the proper action would probably be to award that move to Hussey.

The paving bid proved to be a much easier task to deal with. Three firms — Couch, Inc. of Dothan; S.A. Graham Company, Inc. of Brundage; and S. & C. Materials & Paving Co. of Troy — submitted bids on the paving of Co. Rd. 623. S.A. Graham Company was awarded the bid. Their bid was the low one at \$120,122.15.

County Engineer Randy Tindell read to the commission a letter from the Town of New Brockton requesting some assistance with a "city hall field."

The request included surveying, designing, grading, etc. for an additional baseball field near the present facility.

During the discussion of the request, several questions arose concerning exactly what was being asked of the county; therefore, the matter was tabled until additional information could be obtained from town officials.

Tindell also presented to the commission a request from Don Parker for a 90-day extension to complete the streets in the Chateau Hills Subdivision. Commissioners granted the request.

While on the subject of subdivisions, the engineer told commissioners that the final plat on Brudlow's Subdivision had been submitted to his office for approval. Tindell told commissioners that the health department had not signed off on the plat; however, they are waiting on paperwork from his office.

He also said the road had not been

completed, but the developer has provided a surety as allowed by the county's subdivision regulations. The county stipulates that the roads and streets will be constructed according to the specifications set forth in the regulations.

Upon the recommendation of the engineer, the commission approved the final plat on Brudlow's Subdivision.

Finally, the engineer asked that he be allowed to send out bid requests for a small dozer (D-5) to be used at the county landfill. He reminded commissioners that the purchase of this piece of equipment was included in the budget. This request, along with one to send out for pricing on the repair of the landfill's D-6 dozer's undercarriage, was approved by the commissioners.

In general business from the commissioners, Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that the Damascus Senior Citizens Center be allowed to erect a fence around the facility using funds already allocated by the commission was approved. The estimated cost is \$2,000.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion that the county maintenance department be allowed to construct a 10 foot by 12 foot addition to the voting house at Cool Springs. According to Dalrymple, the estimated cost of the materials is between \$2,500 and \$3,000. He also asked that the project be completed by the next election, and if it could not be done by the maintenance

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Buster Brown Apparel was founded in 1904 as the Old Stone Fort Hosiery Mill and later that year was renamed Buster Brown Hosiery Mills. Since then, the company has been engaged in the design and manufacture of children's apparel, specializing in sleepwear and activewear for newborns through boys' size 6X and girls' sizes 7 to 10.

Kleinert's, Inc. was founded in 1869 as the I.B. Kleinert Rubber Company and was one of the original public issues on the American Stock Exchange. The company designs, manufactures and markets sleepwear, playwear and sportswear for boys and girls from newborns through age 10. Kleinert's has production facilities in the United States, Honduras, Mexico and Asia, and owns Scott Mills, a textile operation located in Gastonia, N.C., which produces polyester, cotton/polyester blend and cotton and acrylic fabrics for several apparel markets.



WHITMAN DRUGS IN PERMANENT HOME...Last Friday morning, the owners of Whitman Drugs, Butch Oggs and his mother, I'Belie, formally opened their "new home" with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Since the flood in 1998, the Whitmans have been in a temporary location on Drayton Avenue. For many, many years the Whitman Drug Store was a landmark on the square in downtown Elba. The new facility is located at 991 AL Hwy. 203 (on the by-pass). Pictured above are the participants in Friday's celebration. They are (l-r): Miss Elba Leslie Stinson, Mart Gray, Doris Matthews, Future Little Miss Nikki Fuller, Pam Driggers, Frances Bradshaw, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Mike Parker, owners Butch Oggs and I'Belie Oggs, Little Miss Elba Courtney Parrish, Jimmy Harrison, Elba Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kaye Whitworth, and Herby McCall.

Flood buy-out houses generate income

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council accepted a bid Monday evening and now has some money coming in, rather than all going out. The council accepted the lone bid to purchase one of the FEMA flood buy-out houses. The low bid was \$7,101.00 by Elba native Rachel Rudlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Hudson. The bid requirements included a requirement that the successful bidder be responsible for cleaning and leveling the lot after removing the house and other buildings. Reportedly the house will be moved to a rural Coffee County location.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth presented a written report on the status of criminal investigations during the month of May. It showed a total of 43 cases, with 37 of those being forgery charges. There were 34 reported arrests in these cases. The highlight of the report was the impressive percentage of cases solved by the department investigators. The City of Elba solved 81% of the reported cases, compared to the state average of 21%. Elba had one rape case and it was solved for a 100% clearance rate, while the state average is only 50%. Elba also

solved 100% of the possession of marijuana cases and 86% of the forgery cases. The state rate on forgery is only 20%.

The two areas where Elba fell short of the state average was in the Theft of Property with one case reported and it remains unsolved plus two cases of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle also remain unsolved.

The chief gave council members a print-out of the monthly statistic report for the members of the department. It showed the officers made ten less traffic arrest, at 61, in June than the previous month. Criminal arrests also dropped by 26 to a total of 40. Warnings issued dropped by a dramatic 66% to only 61 during June. Total miles driven also dropped in June by 3,640 miles. Officers recorded 18,662 miles on patrol cars in the month.

Elba police made six drug arrests and answered 977 calls for service, according to the monthly report. Whitworth also warned council

members that there may be some extra overtime next week as the movie makers will be in town filming commercials on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He also warned there also will be some expected traffic delays during the filming process, but efforts will be made to keep these to a minimum.

A need for purchasing pistols for police officers was also presented to the council. Presently, all policemen furnish their own weapons, but Chief Whitworth explained that recent court rulings make this a less desirable policy. He estimated it will cost about \$9,000 to equip the entire department with a standard weapon, holster, ammo clips and other related gear. Mayor Grimes said they would soon be planning the 1999/2000 budget and would consider this request.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the firm doing the

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Coffee County Strategic Plan Draft Ready for Review

County residents were invited to attend public meetings aimed at discussing the issues facing Coffee County as it moves into the next millennium. Major areas considered were agribusiness/agriculture, education, economic development, quality of life, technology and communication, and transportation.

Auburn Extension personnel facilitated at these meetings and recorded the comments and concerns expressed by the participants. Task forces were formed in each area to synthesize and analyze this input before compiling the data into a report format outlining specific goals, objectives and strategies.

"Coffee County residents can be proud of this strategic plan," Stewart said. "A lot of time, effort and thought went into making it the kind of plan that can be put into action."

The Coffee County Strategic Plan will be formally presented to the Coffee County Commission at its second meeting in August.

Almost a year ago, Coffee

Area Happenings

AGRICULTURE PAGEANT & TALENT FIND. The 1999 Coffee County Miss Agriculture Pageant and Coffee County Talent Find will be held July 23, 1999 at Enterprise High School. The pageant is open to all young ladies ages 17-25 and the talent find is open to all young ladies and men ages 17-25. There is no entry fee. For more information or an application contact Betsy Watson at 897-8243, Sharon Caylor at 894-5624 or Holly Watson at 347-3727. The deadline for all applications is Friday (TOMORROW), July 16.

MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM. The AARP's 55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by the Coffee County Sheriff Department, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21, from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton. The object of the class is to help improve driver skills and avoid traffic crashes and getting violations. The participants must be 55-years-old or older and the cost is \$8.00 per person. The class is limited to the first 30 individuals to register, and this may be done by calling the Coffee County Sheriff's Office at 894-5535.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Elba is unique, that is a given. The company which was the successful bidder on the \$2+ million Elba sewer project was confident because they had lots of experience installing water and sewer lines in sandy soil. However, they now know what Elba sugar sand really is! One big mess for anyone trying to dig in it! Of course, during their first weeks of work, the normal problems have been compounded by rain, rain and more rain. The net result is they dig, dig, dig and some more when they only wanted a narrow hole to drop in a sewer pipe and then cover it up again. Oh, and along with the massive digging, they are operating "well points" all around the area. These are hooked up to vacuum pumps and suck some of the water from the area in which they are trying to work. These things must operate 24 hours a day, and even then it seems to be losing ground to the in flow water from everywhere.

More positive news for Elba. Of course our readers have either heard about or seen the front page article about Kleimert's purchase of the Buster Brown name. Regardless of the modest comments from company officials, we consider this a very positive move for Elba and other area folks. The ribbon cutting for Whitman's new store was held last week and the developers of that property said Tuesday they hope to have another lease signed by someone using two more of those units within days. Oh, Fred's unofficially opened their new store on the bypass this week. We are closely following a plan being developed to construct some new apartments on the West side of town... more on that when it happens. The talk of a new post office building in Elba continues. Postal officials, who decide these things, have postponed the project several times, but the latest we have seen in writing promises the new building will be occupied by January of 2001... again more on that as it develops.

There was a suggestion made by a local citizen a couple of months ago which would probably be a great idea, but will need someone or a group(s) to push and follow through with. Up on the Troy Highway, at the intersection with the bypass, two homes have been purchased in the flood buy-out program. The houses will be moved or torn down and no building can ever, ever be built there again. The property will be owned and maintained in some fashion by the City of Elba. This would make a beautiful park area for people to see as they drive into Elba from Troy and points North! Either a floral display or a play and picnic park or a combination of all the aforementioned. But remember, constructing is one thing and maintaining another. If the project is not going to be maintained, it would be better to grass it and mow it regularly or plant the area in pine or oak trees and forget it.

This is such a small world, everyone has heard that statement for years and quite regularly found evidence of it. Well, last weekend a series of tragic deaths occurred from the Fleta community, between Elba and Opp, to Bainbridge, Ga. When the daily newspapers began interviewing neighbors of the woman killed in Georgia, there was Elba native Blake Boutwell, who now lives in Bainbridge. Fortunately, Blake wasn't hurt or anything, he just happened to be a neighbor to a murder victim he described as a fine person. It is kinda hard to think of Blake Boutwell living anywhere but Elba. His dad was born here and probably his granddaddy Boutwell also. Our limited knowledge of Elba history contains Boutwells all the way back.

Even though there are complaints locally about the continuing days of rain, the farm crops are looking good all across the Wiregrass. Recently we were on a trip into South Georgia, and the robust crop picture carried over into at least the lower part of that state also. For the sake of our farmer friends, hopefully that will continue until harvest time.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 5, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one leaving the scene of an accident, one missing person, four harassments, one VPL, two resisting arrests, one possession of a forged instrument, one burglary, three thefts of property, one vehicle damage to a building, and one disorderly conduct.

The following arrests were made during the week: two for failure to appear, two for VPL, two for resisting arrest, one for possession of a forged instrument, one for disorderly conduct, and one for harassment. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: six for speeding, one for child restraint violation, two for driving while intoxicated, one for license suspension, one for attempting to elude, one for running a red light, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JULY 5 - River stage - 6.41 feet (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 125N (12:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 201 (1:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Old Curtis Road (6:06 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (9:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba Work Release Center (11:38 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 6 - River stage - 5.43 feet (6:50 a.m.); Alarm at Jackson Street (1:40 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (3:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (7:41 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 - River stage - 4.92 feet (6:14 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 8 - River stage - 4.64 feet (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 125N (7:06 a.m.); Wreck reported at Medical Arts (8:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Oak Avenue (2:50 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to Morrow Village (5:41 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 9 - River stage - 5.06 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the corner of Reese Avenue and Ann Street (6:19 p.m.); Routine activity.

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* ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria
* REGIONAL GOLF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP - 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. - Community Care Hospice meeting room

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 5, 1999 through July 11, 1999. They were: Eunice Watson, Marjorie Harrison, Lomax Parks, Benny Ray Carpenter, Annie Slawson, Linda Marler, Troy Tyler, Douglas Shiver, Betsy Martin, Willie J. Kilpatrick, Henry O. Eiland, Mennie Hudson, Jodie Johnson, and Mary Nell James.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Natasha Warren, Tommie Faison, Hollis Wicker, James Crocker, Irma Fleming, Stacy L. Johnson, Lomax Parks, Birricus Thomas Hill, Marjorie Harrison, Ruth Harrelson, William Legear, Troy Tyler, Eunice Watson, Douglas Shiver, Betsy Martin, Henry Eiland, Willie Kilpatrick, and Bennie Ray Carpenter.

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NEW LISTING 3 Lots In Mulberry Heights Community \$2,500.00 Each

Parker's Fox Run New 2-BR-2-Bath Home on 3AC w/Sun Room & Hot Tub, Dbl. Garage Many personal items included - TV, VCR, treadmill, lawnmower, saws & misc. furniture \$105,000.00

8.5 AC. Located on Co. Rd. 420 2400 Sq. ft. Home w/2 Ponds, Barn and 50+ Fruit Trees \$155,000.00

647 Pine Cove, 3-BR, 2-B Bath Home on 3 lots, Nice Shop Building \$54,900.00

1077 Sunset Blvd. 1,131 Sq. Ft. 2 BR - 2 Baths Totally Renovated - 100 x 200 Lot - Two-car garage \$46,900.00

BRANTLEY, AL 101 Sasser St. Brick Home w/3 BR, 12 X 20 deck, laundry room, storage building, & playhouse \$46,900 \$43,000

1083 Sunset Blvd. 2 BR - 1 Bath Nice Neighborhood 1,136 Sq. ft. - IMMACULATE! Central H/C \$44,900

County Rd. 304, 1/2 AC Lot-5-yr.-old Mobile Home, 2-BR, 2B, Fenced Yard \$21,900 \$20,200

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1149 Oak St. 3-BR Brick Home Never Flooded \$52,900

Zion Chapel Community 4 BR - 3 Bath Brick Home On 1 Acre \$48,900 \$43,000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Our All Airborne Association is still trying to locate veterans that served in the Airborne during their military time. We realize that there are over 100,000 troopers across America that we need to locate. We need your help.

IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION
OMAHA, NEBRASKA IN AUGUST
Our 55th Annual

Convention will be held there in August 11-14, 1999. Members from our 98 chapters will arrive to share their stories that share their "ELITE" in WWII.

Today's young troopers will attend by jumping into the convention city on Thursday. A site worth seeing.

82nd AIRBORNE IS STILL NO. 1
Our association is over fifty-five years old but there are many troopers that we need to locate as their comrades are looking for them too. We can become eligible when you earned your glider or

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Thank you for your assistance. We want America to be the best it can be.

Respectfully requested,
Shirley R. Gossett (WVIL)
National Membership Chairman

New Brockton Council meeting short

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council convened its monthly meeting Monday evening and fifteen minutes later they adjourned. The shortness of the meeting is no indication that the council did nothing, it just did not take them time to "tend to business."

Mayor Britt Lee briefed members of the council on several projects that are underway, one being a petition on internet taxation. The petition is being circulated among municipalities, schools, and local businesses which are losing money due to the fact that numerous items can now be purchased via computer internet services. This means that local businesses are not only losing sales but tax dollars are also missed.

According to Ms. Annette Williams, New Brockton City Clerk, petitions are being circulated throughout the state in an attempt to get legislators at the state and federal

levels to study the problem and hopefully arrive at a solution to the problem. The council members signed the petition.

Mayor Lee reported that the state "has cleared everything" and is in the process of sending out bid invitations on the paving project. No time frame was given for the start and completion of the paving.

There was a brief discussion on the recent requirement that all police officers must be certified before being allowed to perform their duties. "So," it is generally agreed that this will create a hardship on the smaller municipalities in staffing their police departments. The council agreed to seek some relief on this matter by contacting the local state legislators - State Senator Jimmy Holley, and Representative Terry Spicer.

Ms. Williams informed the council that financially, the town is ahead approximately 10 percent after nine months, and if the present trend continues, the town should

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sewer rehab now knows fully well what Elba sugar sand is. He said they are already four weeks into a section that was scheduled to only take five weeks but still have a long way to go. Originally, the Brookdale section was to be done in the summer because it would be dryer and less ground water. However, that has not proven to be correct this year, and the firm continues to battle excessive ground water.

Monthly bills of \$18,239.59 were approved for payment. They included \$3,296.92 for vehicle and equipment repairs; \$1,645.21 for recreation concessions; \$1,032 for asphalt and concrete; \$39.56 for police uniforms; \$81.10 for maintenance contract on copy machine; \$490 chemicals and \$404.20 for manhole rays.

Mayor Grimes reported that Herbie McCall has taken over the duties of bookkeeper Murry Hardwick, who died recently. The mayor said at this time there are no plans to hire any additional help in this department. He explained they were in the process of putting more of the city business onto the computer system and thus save some labor hours.

Grimes informed the council that with the council's blessings he would be getting a timber cruise on the city property between White Water Creek and the levee. Once that is gotten, the council will decide if they want to sell the timber. He noted that much of that area

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department by that time, he asked that a private contractor be hired to do the work. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook noted that the Coffee County Water Authority was now official and that, tentatively, board members are scheduled to hold an organizational meeting on July 20th to elect officers.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks alerted commissioners who have not made their appointment to the rural parks and recreation board to do so as soon as possible. "We have some people in the rural area who are really ready to go," he said.

Before adjourning until Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the commissioners approved the agreement for the Jobs Case Aid and Child Homemaker grant which is administered by the Department of Human Resources and totally funded by the state.

Mobley reminded the commissioners that the meeting Tuesday is to open bids on the remodeling of the New Hope Senior Citizens Center.

AREA DEATHS

ROSIE LEE STINSON TURNER
Mrs. Rosie Lee Stinson Turner, born October 20, 1909 in Coffee County, died June 28, 1999.

Funeral services were held July 3, 1999 at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church in Enterprise with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Enterprise with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by two children, Curtis and Willie Ed.

Survivors include her husband: Willie Turner, Enterprise; four daughters: Mary A. Jackson, Hazel Turner, Mary Brooks, Martha Judd, all of Enterprise; two sons: Sheddric Turner, Enterprise, Carl Turner, Montgomery, Ala.; three sons-in-law: Oscar Brooks and Floyd Judd, both of Enterprise; two sisters-in-law: Annie Bell Faulk, Bertha Lee McCray, Brundidge, Ala.; one brother-in-law: Clarence McCray, Brundidge; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

HENRY J. HAYNES

Mr. Henry J. Haynes, born April 8, 1930 in Florida, Ala., died June 27, 1999.

Funeral services were held July 3, 1999 at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Florida, Ala., followed in Green Wood Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her mother: Vera Redmon; one daughter: Esther J. Redmon, Andalusia; one son: Freddie Lee (Carolyn) Redmon, Chicago, Ill.; five sisters: Vera Dorsey, Flossie Starks, Lynn Crittenden, Osie Keyes, all of Andalusia, Lillie Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; one brother: Willie J. Redmon, Andalusia; two grandchildren.

ETHEL BELL REDMON
Ethel Bell Redmon, born March 8, 1942 in Covington County, recently died.

Funeral services were held at Deliverance Temple Church of God in Christ in Andalusia on July 5, 1999 with Elder Otis Robertson officiating. Burial followed in

Marshall Memorial Cemetery with Marshall-Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her mother: Vera Redmon; one daughter: Esther J. Redmon, Andalusia; one son: Freddie Lee (Carolyn) Redmon, Chicago, Ill.; five sisters: Vera Dorsey, Flossie Starks, Lynn Crittenden, Osie Keyes, all of Andalusia, Lillie Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; one brother: Willie J. Redmon, Andalusia; two grandchildren.

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THE ELBA LIONS CLUB RECENTLY APPOINTED ITS OFFICERS for the year 1999-2000. They are: President - Richard Patterson; Past President - Col. Charles Eastburn; Vice President (1st) - Bob Glover; Vice President (2nd) - Charles Farris; Secretary (3rd) - Randy Neal; Secretary - Danny Turner; Treasurer - Mark Coleman; Lion Tamer - Bill Mote; Tail Twister - Richard Girdner; One Year Directors - Ronnie Young, Mitchell Driggers, Grady Farris, Rex Boutwell, Two Year Directors - Fred Moore, Q.P. Hudson, Members At Large - Bill Thompson, M.V. Miles, Inactive Members - Robert Stephens, M.V. Purvis, Ronnie Young, Bob Roberson.

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Gospel singing planned at Wooten Chapel

There will be a Gospel sing Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God in New Brockton. Special guests will be "Resting Place" of Cottonwood, Ala., and "Celebration" of Crestview, Fla. Everyone is invited. The church is located five miles south of New Brockton on County Road 514.

Coffee County Schools to begin Wednesday, August 4th

Coffee County Schools will begin on Wednesday, August 4 for the 1999-2000 school year. In order to ensure a smooth opening, parents who plan for their children to attend Kinship, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel Schools, for the first time, should register their children at the respective schools between July 19 and July 30. The school offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily.

Coffee County Republican Committee meeting to be held July 20th

The monthly meeting of the Coffee County Republican Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. "In addition to our regular business, we are pleased to have Lt. Gov. Steve Windom present our program," stated GOP chairman Al Patterson.



Brad Adkins

Brad Adkins completes basic training

Brad Adkins has successfully completed basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He is now stationed at Ft. Hood, Tex. Brad is the son of Brenda Rider of Elba and Ennis Adkins of Enterprise.

Health and Safety Class scheduled by American Red Cross & Ft. Rucker

The American Red Cross - Coffee County and Fort Rucker announces its Health and Safety Class Schedule for the 3rd Quarter 1999. Classes during July will be: Standard First Aid (Adult CPR and First Aid), Saturday, Aug. 7, Fort Rucker 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Infant/Child CPR, Saturday, July 24, Coffee County 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; August classes are as follows: Standard First Aid (Adult CPR and First Aid), Saturday, Aug. 7, Fort Rucker 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Infant/Child CPR, Saturday, Sept. 25, Coffee County 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Additional Health and Safety classes will be scheduled according to community need.

Don't Forget to Recycle!

CHURCH

Benefit program to be held at Tarentum Saturday, July 17th

There will be a benefit program for Ms. Helen (Flowers) Franklin on Saturday, July 17, at 6 p.m. at the Tarentum Community Building in Brundage. Among the groups featured will be the Haynes Brothers from Coffee County, The Soul Revivals from New Brockton and the Singing Echoes from New Brockton. A \$5 donation will be taken at the door.

Summer Revival services to be held at New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church will hold Summer Revival services July 18 at 6 p.m. and July 19-21 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Cecil Jackson from Graceville, Fla.

Homecoming to be held at Damascus Baptist Church July 25th

D.B.C. (Damascus Baptist Church) Homecoming is July 25th. Rev. Mitchell Smith will be our guest preacher. Tony Bowers will lead the music. Mark Bowers will play piano. There will be testimonies from former church family and after the meal we will have singing by our folks. Start calling now! Service begins at 11 a.m.

Friendship Baptist Church to hold Revival Services

Friendship Baptist Church will hold Revival services on July 25th through July 28th. Services will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 25 and at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Musical program planned at St. John A.M.E. Church Saturday, July 17th

Johnny Green and The Messengers and Sam Kinney and The New Harmonizers are sponsoring a musical program on Saturday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John A.M.E. Church in Abbeville. All groups, soloists, and choirs are asked to help out with this occasion.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dr. TONY DYE, Pastor of WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

"Covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5)

Last week, a correspondence came across my desk that merits reprinting. In a letter addressing the lottery question that the state of Alabama is facing, Barrett Duke wrote, "Recently, a mother in New Jersey sued her son in order to get half of his lottery winnings. The mother said she was entitled to half of the money because she and her son had pooled their money to buy the lottery ticket. The son refused to share the \$4.2 million jackpot because he claimed that he bought the ticket with his own money. The mother's lawyer described her as an agonized parent who feels ripped off by her son's success. It is tragic that the relationship between a mother and her son could be so terribly twisted over money that it would come down to a lawsuit. This incident reminds us that the primary motivation behind all forms of gambling is the desire to get money. Unfortunately, for many, this desire to win money becomes a need to win money. Today, in the United States, there are at least 8 million adults who cannot control their appetite to gamble. For most of these people, gambling has led to the destruction of marriages, careers, and personal health. Imagine being so driven by the need to win money that you will sacrifice everything in order to get it. It seems incomprehensible, yet we are seeing this happen every day with those who are addicted to gambling. The imagery that comes to mind is that of Abraham, knife in hand, standing over his son, Isaac, preparing to take his life. Why did Abraham do this? He was demonstrating his absolute commitment and surrender to God. Today, we are seeing millions of people sacrificing their children, spouses, friends, and everything else on the altar of gambling, because of their absolute commitment to money. It should come as no surprise that such an attitude would appear idolatrous. Today, millions of people are worshipping money and offering everything, including themselves, on the altar of gambling in order to get it. Colossians 3:5 tells us that such an attitude is tantamount to idolatry. Such a sacrificial attitude demonstrates that getting money is the most important thing in these people's lives, and gambling is the religion that they trust to get it for them. Does this describe you? Are you taking the chance that it could be you? No one who begins to gamble plans on having it become their religious idol, but it has become the religious idol of millions. You just might be the latest convert. The only way to make sure this does not happen to you is never to allow it an opportunity to snare you. Do not gamble, and you never will worship at the feet of gambling. If you're already gambling, stop! If you cannot stop, find help before it is too late. Ask God to help you. Turn to Jesus Christ for freedom. Surround yourself with people who will encourage you, and win your life back."

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Friday, July 16th 7:00 P.M.

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Gospel singing planned at Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly Saturday, July 17th

There will be a gospel singing at the Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly of God Church on Saturday, July 17 at 7 p.m. The Ainsworth Family, Derek Snellgrove and others will sing.

Marvin Chapel Assembly of God to celebrate homecoming Sunday, July 18th

Marvin Chapel Assembly of God, 1011 County Road 625, Coffee Springs, Ala., will observe Homecoming on Sunday, July 18, with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served following the morning service with a singing in the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Vacation Bible School planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church for July 21 - 24

"X" marks the spot for VBS excitement! Grab your compass, dust off your binoculars and be sure your flashlight has batteries! You'll be HOT on the trail to TREASURE HUNT BIBLE ADVENTURE, where kids discover JESUS, the greatest treasure of all! Come and enjoy Bible stories, crafts, singing, treasure hunts, food, recreation and much more for ages 2 through 6th grade at Mt. Olive Baptist Church (Pine Level Community) on Wednesday, July 21 through Saturday, July 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. For additional information, please call Susan Nunn at 897-2350 or Renita Bowers at 527-3585.

The Workman Quartet to be in concert at Wise Mill Assembly of God Saturday, July 17th

The Workmen Quartet from Pensacola, Fla. will be at the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church on Saturday, July 17, beginning at 7 p.m. Debbie Flemming, granddaughter of the late Christine Worrells from Elba, travels and sings with this group. The well-known J.G. Whitfield, former owner and publisher of The Singing News Magazine, also formerly with the Dixie Echoes (a well known Southern Gospel group) also sings with the Workmen Quartet. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 233 County Road 224 about 6 miles from Elba off Highway 125.

Hebron Baptist Church

Coffee County Road 308 - Off Hwy. 87



Homecoming - July 18th

Revival - July 19th thru July 23rd

at 7 p.m. nightly

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Church Directory

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	KINSHIP FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH John Freeman, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Training Union: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors Saturday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.	MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. J. H. Hinchey, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Steavy Sunday Morn. Service: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 5:00 p.m.
HAM HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Morn. Worship: 8:45 a.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Hirron & Linda Williams, Ministers Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. Even. Service: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Even: 7:30 p.m. Fri. Service: 7:00 p.m.
NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays: 11:00 a.m.	NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Jankowski, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McArthur, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	NEW BROCKTON METHODIST Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Chapel Service: 6:30 p.m.
WED ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	MT. ZION HOLINESS Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	NEW BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:00 p.m.
WED BAPTIST CHURCH Gerry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Bobby Driver, Interim Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	NEW EMMEN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Farnen Golden, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.
JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Stephen Debus, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.	MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Rev. Stephen Hughes, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ben Amberg, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

LIFESTYLES

Annual Bedsole reunion planned for Saturday, July 24th

The annual Bedsole reunion will be held at the Westgate Recreation Center Building, Dothan, Ala. on Saturday, July 24, at 10 a.m. in the White Room. The Recreation Center Building is located near Waterworld just off Westgate Parkway. All Bedsole descendants and friends are invited. Bring a dish for lunch. For information, please contact Kenneth Bedsole at (334)347-7949 or e-mail dotken@juno.com.

Benefit to be held for Marilyn Eddins Saturday, July 24th

A benefit in honor of Marilyn Eddins, cancer patient, will be held on Saturday, July 24, at Jack In A Box Daycare in Jack, Ala. Boston Butts will be sold for \$15 and a yard sale and bake sale starts at 8 a.m.

COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION

The annual meeting of the COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION

will be held on **FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.**

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THE COFFEE COUNTY MISS AGRICULTURE PAGEANT and COFFEE COUNTY TALENT FIND

will be held at the same time. There will be **ENTERTAINMENT and DOOR PRIZES.**

All members are encouraged to attend.



Emily Rose Cook

Emily Rose Cook is one year old

Emily Rose Cook celebrated her first birthday on July 3, 1999. Emily's "It's the Big One" birthday party was held Saturday, July 3, at her parent's house. Many friends and family were there to help her celebrate.

Emily Rose is the daughter of Paul and Sherry Cook and the granddaughter of Sam and Shirley Noblin and Helen and the late "Tebbo" Cook, all of Brantley.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Wimberly-Driggers wedding to be held in Troy Saturday, August 7th

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Armstrong of Headland and Mr. Garry Wimberly of Montgomery announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Victoria Wimberly, to Mr. Cory Holley Driggers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Driggers of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Wood Pichford of Headland and the late Mr. Victor Pichford and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Wimberly of Montgomery. She is a graduate of Northview High School and Troy State University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She currently is employed with a management services company in Jackson, Miss.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Verbie Lee Davis Holley and the late Mr. John Edmon Holley of Elba; and the late Mrs. and Mr. Johnny Fletcher Driggers of Elba. He is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He currently is attending Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Miss.

The wedding is planned for August 7, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Park Memorial United Methodist Church in Troy. A reception will follow at The Emporium in Troy.



Miss Wimberly & Mr. Driggers

Miss Coffee County Agriculture Pageant to be held July 23rd

The 1999 Coffee County Miss Agriculture Pageant and Coffee County Talent Find will be held July 23, 1999 at Enterprise High School. The pageant is open to all young ladies ages 17-25 and the talent find is open to all young ladies and men ages 17-25. There's no entry fee. Contestants must be a resident of Coffee County. They cannot participate in another county's pageant and participate in Coffee County's pageant. Deadline for all applications is July 16. The winners in both the pageant and the talent find will go on to the state competition in Mobile in December. The pageant is sponsored by ALFA, the Coffee County Farmers Federation and the Coffee County Young Farmers. For more information, an application, please call Betsy Watson at 897-8243, Sharon Caylor at 894-5624 or Holly Watson at 347-3727.



Preston Lance Chambers

Preston Lance Chambers is six years old

Preston Lance Chambers turned 6-years-old on July 8, 1999. Lance celebrated his birthday with family and friends on July 11 at the home of his grandparents, June and Preston Chambers of Elba. Guests present were: his mother, Sandra Chambers of Troy; Donald Barton of Elba; Daniel Barton of Elba; JoAnn Senn of Elba; Justin and Jordan Kidd of Elba; Shirley Hopkins of Elba and Russ and Grace Burkett of Clarksville, Fla.

College Days for Retired Persons back by popular demand at ESJC

College Days for Retired Persons returns by popular demand to Enterprise State Junior College on Thursday and Friday, August 12-13. Retired persons enjoy a very special, enjoyable day of educational and leisure activities ranging from arts and crafts to family life and consumer issues. This program is offered in cooperation with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service — Coffee, Dale, and Geneva Counties and Senior Friends. The program begins at 8 a.m. on August 12. The \$20 fee includes two luncheons. There is a registration deadline of August 5. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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LIFESTYLES

Faulk-Mauldin wedding held Saturday, April 24th



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tracy Faulk

Lisa Marlene Mauldin and Michael Tracy Faulk were united in marriage on Saturday, April 24, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Ino Assembly of God. Rev. Pat Jones of Elba officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Janet Mauldin of Elba and the late Gerald Mauldin. She is the granddaughter of Mildred Morrow and the late Reese Morrow of Opp, and the late Eulice "Can" and Jonnie Mae Mauldin of Elba.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faulk of Jack. He is the grandson of Junior and Hazel Sanders of Jack and Ruby Long and the late C.R. Long of Brundidge. He is also the great-grandson of Nellie Cauley of Jack.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother. Serving as maid of honor was Rebekah Griffin of Newington, Ga. The bridesmaids were Lana Odom of Samson, Ala. and Melinda Ellis of Elba.

Flower girls were Hannah Dierksheide of Bay Minette, Ala. and Nikki Jernigan of Opp.

Serving as best men were Walter Faulk and Ashley Faulk, both of Jack.

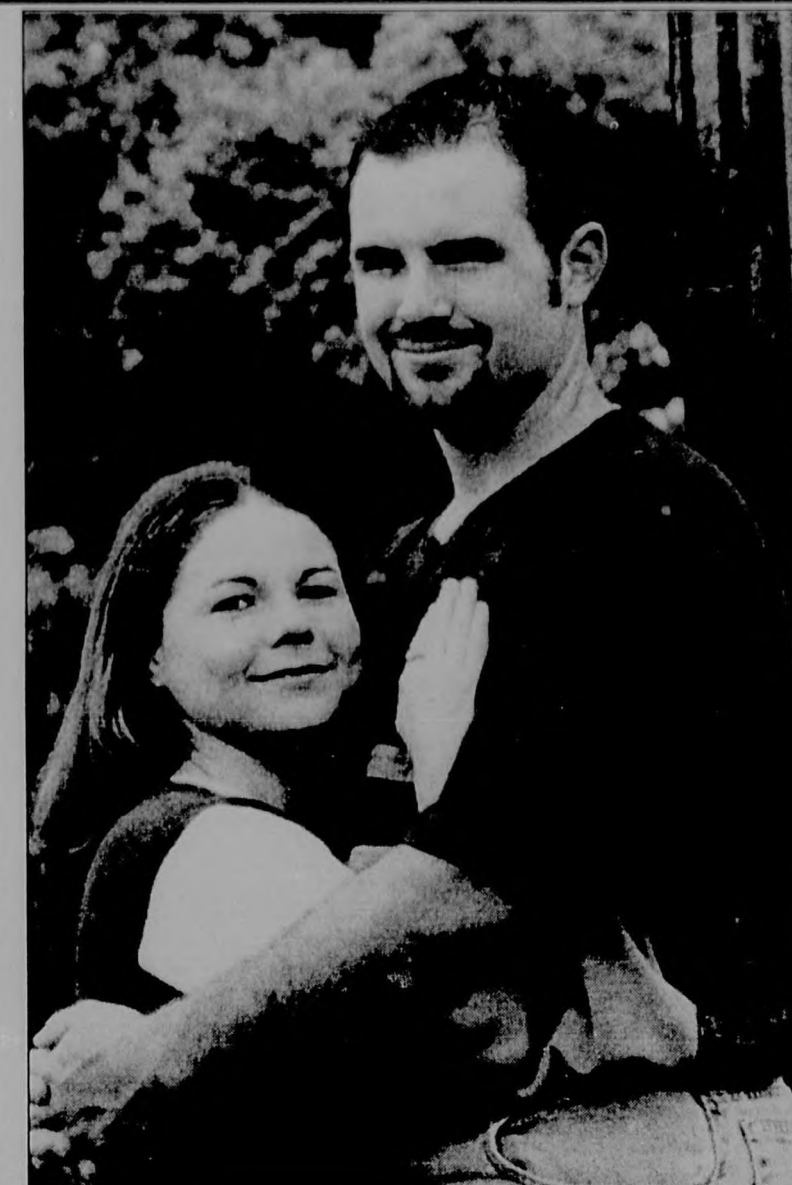
Ring bearers were Bobby Bell Jr. of Opp and Jordan Faulk of Jack.

Following the ceremony, a reception was given in the church fellowship hall.

A FREE Literacy Volunteer Tutor Training Workshop will be held at Enterprise State Junior College 6-8:30 p.m., Aug. 30-Sept. 2. The purpose of the workshop is to teach volunteers how to teach adults to read. To participate in the tutor training, an adult must have a high school diploma or GED, be able to read and write English effectively, and exhibit patience, enthusiasm, and a desire to help others. To be certified as a tutor, a participant must attend all four nights of the workshop. To register, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234. For more information, call ext. 266 or ext. 218.

C.C. Junior Miss Scholarship Program to be held

The Coffee County Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held Saturday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Enterprise High School auditorium. Tickets for the evening are \$5 general admission and \$8 reserved seating. For more information, contact Yonda Cooter, program chairman, at 347-2002.



Miss Knighten & Mr. Pearson

Knighten-Pearson announce wedding plans

Mr. Bobby Knighten and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Register of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Joy Knighten, to Michael Ryan Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pearson of Samson.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Adkins of Opp and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knighten of Elba. She is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School and is currently pursuing a degree in nursing at Wallace Community College.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Olan Pearson of Opp and the late Mrs. Frances Pearson of Samson and Mrs. Patsy Howell of Samson and John Howell of Atlanta, Ga. He is a 1997 graduate of Samson High School and is currently employed in Enterprise.

The wedding will be held on July 24, 1999 at 3 p.m. in the evening at the First Baptist Church of Samson. A reception will be held following the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. No local invitations are being sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

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Katie Vaughan

Katie Vaughan participates in national Leadership Forum

Katie Vaughan of Elba participated in the 1999 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from June 27 - July 7 in San Francisco.

Katie, in the Class of 2000 at Elba High School, was among a select group of outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America and around the world who met the qualifications required to participate in the Forum. Katie was selected because of her academic achievements and her interest in the profession of medicine.

Enterprise Quilters offering beginner class Saturday, July 17th

The Enterprising Quilters are offering a beginners class in applique on Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come join the fun and learn this sewing technique. For more information and reservations call Patti Pruitt at 347-7299.

The Enterprise Quilters Guild meets first Thursday of every month

The Enterprising Quilters Guild meets the first Thursday of every month for a business meeting and the third Thursday for a workshop. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Citizens Bank community room in Enterprise. New members of all skill levels are very welcome.

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By Ricky Mularz

Melanie has never been able to find her clothes when we head out for a weekend trip, but last weekend we headed out to Gadsden to a state softball tournament and she not only packed enough clothes for the three-day trip, but still had plenty of stuff left when we got back home. She also took her swim suit and at least two night gowns, and as far as we can tell brought it all home. Maybe this is the start of a change in her care of clothes, or at least we can hope so.

CLEANING OFF THE DESK....

*** The Elba 16 and Under All-Stars traveled to Gadsden last weekend to compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Softball Tournament and battled through the heat, rain and some very tough competition to place third in the annual event. The girls fell into the losers bracket in their opening game and were just one loss away from elimination, but shut out their next two opponents to stay alive and then ran out of gas and settled for third place. The All-Stars were without the services of two starters in the tourney, and while their absence did hurt, the girls that made the trip played hard for every single inning and made everyone proud to cheer for the Elba All-Stars. Congratulations girls, you did well and represented Elba very well!

*** The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League sent two All-Star teams to the Sub-District Tournament last week in Enterprise, with the Americans claiming two big wins and the Nationals failing to get a win in the tournament. The Americans were thought to be the weaker of the two teams from Elba, but proved me and a lot of other folks wrong by winning two games, including a big match-up with the Elba Nationals. The Americans were very well coached and played with poise in all four games, and showed everyone in attendance that they were indeed a team to reckon with! The Nationals failed to win a game and were knocked out by the Elba Americans, but they too played hard and everyone from Elba was proud to cheer them on. The lack of pitching depth and the inability to get the big hit at the right time proved fatal; however, this team was easy to support and made their fans proud. The fact Elba split its league into two All-Star teams really divided the talent, but both teams proved they could compete and that Elba was filled with very talented young baseball players.

*** Elba Country Club has always been filled with skilled junior golfers, and this summer a number of Elba youngsters have been hitting the "Tour" of junior tournaments and bringing home a lot of silverware. Mark Wicker has won two tournaments and has emerged into a top notch golfer, while Colby Capps has quickly emerged as one of the state's top young players and won one event while always being near the top no matter where he teed it up. Another young golfer that has made strides is Bart Barnes, a 14-year-old golfer that has improved tremendously and should be a leader among Elba juniors for years to come. With a summer filled with competition, the Elba High golf team may be headed for one of its best seasons ever.

*** Plans are underway to have two new Tee Ball fields and a new Dixie Minor fields ready for play next spring when the baseball season opens in Elba. The tee ball fields are scheduled to be built at Hawkins-Williams Park, while the Dixie Minor field is set to be constructed at Legion Field after the removal of some trees at the location. The addition of the fields, along with the improvements at the Mulberry Park, will give the youth and adults active in softball and baseball more places to play, and to compete. Keep an eye on both parks as the work begins.

*** The local world of sports will get a little slow for the next few weeks. So, I urge all coaches and parents of youth softball and baseball teams to drop by their team pictures so that we can put your favorite teams in the paper. Please identify those pictured to give credit to everyone in the photo, and bring 'em by soon so that we can share these future stars!!

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Eliminate Elba Nationals

Elba Americans claim two wins at Dixie Minor Sub-District Baseball Tournament

The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League had two All-Star teams in action last week at the Sub-District Baseball Tournament, in Enterprise, with the Elba Americans claiming two wins in four games and the Elba Nationals suffering two straight losses.

Following are highlights of the games involving the Elba Americans and Elba Nationals:

ELBA AMERICANS 22 SAMSON STARS 20

The Elba Americans opened the tournament with an exciting 22-20 win over the Samson All-Stars, in a game that was marred by a total of 38 walks.

The Americans fell behind 9-4 early in the game and trailed 17-14 late in the game, but refused to lose and battled until the final out to post the wild win.

Deymond Williams got 2 hits and scored 4 runs to lead the Elba All-Stars, which had twelve different players score runs. Luke Simmons and Kyle Purvis both added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, while Adam Henderson had 1 hit and scored 3 runs. LeeHill Shirley had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Brad Sullivan added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jacob Forbes scored 2 runs for Elba, while scoring one run were Craig Cheesborough, Will Sims, Heath Hollis, Ryan McCollough and Ryan Roehrer.

GENEVA STARS 21 ELBA NATIONALS 11

The Elba Nationals saw their hopes for an opening rally come to an end as the Geneva All-Stars rallied to score 14 runs in their final two at-bats to outscore the

Nationals 21-11, last Tuesday afternoon.

The Elba Nationals owned a 4-2 lead after two innings and scored five runs in the top of the fourth to grab a 9-7 advantage, only to see Geneva puffer 8 runs in its half of the fourth to go on top 15-9 and then pull away to post the win.

Gage Nalley and Chase Boutwell both got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Nationals, while Corey Parker added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Nathan Calhoun and Nicholas Nelson both scored 2 runs, while Stephen Driggers, Trey Martin, Justin Beck and Blake Berry also scored 1 run, apiece.

The Americans failed to get on early 3-1 lead in the top of the second, with the key hit being a triple by Deymond Williams, and then lost the game as the Enterprise Nationals plated 11 runs in the fifth inning to pull away and claim an 18-8 win, in winner's bracket action on Wednesday night.

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The following employment procedures will be adhered to:

1. An application may be received from, and submitted to, the Coffee County School System at the following address:

**Coffee County Board of Education
400 Reddoch Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36323
(334)897-5016**

2. A complete application consists of a resume', an official application for employment, a copy of a valid Alabama teaching certificate, and a complete transcript of all college course work. **Photocopies or faxed copies of application will not be accepted.** If an application is currently on file, you must notify the Superintendent's Office in writing, of your interest in this position in order to be considered for an interview.
3. Applications will be accepted through Monday, August 2, 1999 at 12:00 noon.
4. Initial screening will be conducted by the principal.
5. Interviews for selected applicants will be conducted by the principal and / or superintendent.
6. The superintendent will make recommendations to the Board for action.
7. All applicants interviewed will receive written notification of action taken regarding the vacancy applied for.

Duties: Duties as outlined in the Coffee County Schools' Board of Education policy manual.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and education as determined by Coffee County Schools' salary schedule.

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KERI HOBBS PRESENTED MR. GERALD BOSWELL of Boswell Insurance Agency a plaque of appreciation for sponsoring the 4-H Steer program in Coffee County. Boswell's Insurance is a longtime sponsor of the Coffee County 4-H program. Keri is a member of the Zion Chapel 4-H program.

First Assembly to have guest speaker Sunday, July 17th

First Assembly of God of Elba will have as their guest speaker for morning and evening worship Sunday, July 17, Evangelist Luis Torres from Oklahoma. He is the author of the book "Destined For Hell", formally the associate director of Teen Challenge, former drug addict and in prison, now a minister and evangelist.

Morning worship service at First Assembly is at 10:30 a.m. and evening worship begins at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. William Barnes to be in concert at Country Cathedral

Rev. William Barnes from Andalusia will be ministering in song and the word at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 east of Opp, this Sunday. The service will start at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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The Children/Grandchildren & Great-Grands of Willie "Trick" and Odessa Pruitt
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Birthing Children And Raising Them Are Two Separate Issues

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm a great believer that things happen for a reason. The fact that I'm raising my grandchildren (triplets, age 14 months) is no accident. My daughter and her husband found it more important to serve the Lord in foreign, war torn countries, than to be parents to these little darlings. I was deemed a suitable replacement for "mom and dad", so off they went. They also left me with only a stipend to compensate for the cost of diapers, food and all the hygienic necessities.

It's been 3 months since they left and I've had to struggle every week to meet the needs of the triplets. I'm a widow, age 56, and my disability check only goes so far. Thanks to my late husband I own my home, so at the very minimum we're guaranteed a roof over our heads.

I didn't write just to complain. I need your help. Truth be told, I need an additional \$200 a month for one year that I would spend at my local Rite Aid. They have pretty good bargains and I can do that one stop shopping that makes life so much more convenient when you have 3 babies in diapers. I started by telling you things happen for a reason. When I opened the *The Booster* and read your column for the first time, I knew there was a reason I took 15 minutes out of my busy schedule. I also hope you're going to help me. Mrs. P. W. ... *The Booster*, Columbus, OH

Dear Mrs. W.: Parents who have no intentions of raising their children have no right bringing them into the world. As harsh as that may sound, it is weak in comparison to what I really think about your daughter and son-in-law's cavalier lifestyle, which has left you holding the bag. Well, hold on because I'm sending you \$2,400 that I'm confident you will spend wisely at Rite Aid. The good bargains and a substantial inventory will be a Godsend for you and the triplets. And if their parents were serious about "serving the Lord"

they would be spending their own money at Rite Aid and raising their children themselves. I do believe that is what the Lord intended.

Dear Percy: I'm so angry I could spit nails. Several weeks ago I gave my son \$35 to do some last minute grocery shopping. On his way to the store he encountered gang members who not only stole the \$35, they took his jacket and shoes. My son is only 11 years old! What is this world coming to?

I'm a single parent busting my rear to keep a roof over our heads and some punks come along and threaten his very being. Somewhere in this city are 4 boys, not much older than my son, with a stolen \$35, expensive athletic shoes and jacket. Not to mention my son has been traumatized and is afraid to leave the apartment. The police were about as much help as a vial of water on a house fire. I realize this isn't your problem but I'm seeking restitution and rein. I'm out \$255, plus the \$120 I've spent on counseling so far. I'm not saying \$385 will right the problem, but it sure would be a start. Would you help us take that first step? Ms. D. M. ... *Thrifty Nickel*, San Antonio, TX

Dear Ms. M.: The definition of victim: a sufferer from any destructive, injurious or adverse action.

Unfortunately, that describes both you and your son. So where do we go from here? Restitution is good, especially if it's made by the victimizers. Slim to no chance there because the gang members will probably never be caught. So allow me to make restitution with the \$400 I'm sending. Now the hard part—put the nasty incident behind you and move on. To dwell on negative past history will only bring you and your son down and that's giving the victimizers far too much power over your lives. Good luck.

Write Percy Ross, c/o the Elba Clipper, P.O. Box 3900-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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4-H CAMP. Twenty-one 4-H'ers from Coffee County went to 4-H Camp in Shelby County recently. Some of the activities they participated in were canoeing, rope course, climbing a wall, putt-putt golf, archery, swimming and crafts. They were able to meet 4-H'ers from other schools as well as other counties. The youth from Coffee County were (left to right, seated): Angel Key, LeShae Smith, Tiffany Hardin, Amy Coate, Trina Lewis, Clay Lewis, Adam Spear, (2nd row): Angela Hughes - 4-H agent, Ashley Carney, Robyn Martin, Melanie Muller, Keri Flowers, Donna Flowers, Laralee Beasley, Lindsey Levenett; (3rd row): Roy King, Quinton Doby, Jermaine Doby, Shawn Howell, Elizabeth Farris, Whitney Mack, and Daniel Taylor. Enterprise, New Brockton, Elba, Kinston and Zion Chapel were all represented.



COFFEE COUNTY 4-H AND FFA HOG SHOW GROUP. Back row left to right - Jeremy Driver, Joseph Stricklin, Josh Windham, Matt Windham, Al Schieffer, Andy Waddell. Middle row left to right - LeAnn Griffin, Andrew Windham, Mark Windham, Josh Driver, Gary Henderson, Marissa Henderson, Ann Schieffer, Jaquelin Hunt. Front row left to right - Jesse Driver and Cheyenne Godwin. This group also won numerous awards at the South Alabama Market Hog Show held in Dothan. Some of the highlights were: 1st place in showmanship - Gary Henderson and Mark Windham; 3rd place in showmanship - Matt Windham; 1st place in the judging contest - Mark Windham and LeAnn Griffin; 3rd place in the judging contest - Ann Schieffer. Special thanks to Al Schieffer, Matt Windham, Josh Windham, Joseph Stricklin, Andrew Windham and Jeremy Driver for clipping, loading and unloading all animals. Also a very special thanks to Sheriff Deputy Jim Richardson for hauling the animals to Dothan.



SARAH MADDOX OF ZION CHAPEL WAS THE 3RD PLACE winner in the Senior Division Fashion Revue at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup June 18 at Troy State University in Troy. Maddox (right) is pictured with the 2nd Place winner Jaclyn Smith of Pike County. The 1st Place winner was Katherine Butts of Crenshaw County.



BRITTANY THOMPSON OF ZION CHAPEL WAS THE 3RD PLACE winner in the Junior Division Public Speaking-Persuasive at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup held June 18 at Troy State University in Troy. Pictured left to right are: 1st Place - Brian Thompson, Pike County; 2nd Place - Allen Stevens, Crenshaw County; 3rd Place - Brittany Thompson, Zion Chapel.

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Steve Cox recently honored

Goodwill Industries of Central Alabama recently honored individuals who are employed at the job development/rehabilitation center in Enterprise or Fort Rucker. Among the award winners during Goodwill Week was Steve Cox of Elba, who was chosen as Top Performer for 1999. Steve is currently employed at the Ft. Rucker Commissary.

Wiregrass Hospice to hold workshop

Wiregrass Hospice, Inc., in conjunction with Wallace College, will hold their 5th annual workshop. The workshop will feature local professionals and nationally known physician and speaker, Dr. Alfred McKee. Dr. McKee is the Director of Palliative Medicine for the Pain Management Center at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. He has extensive experience in the fields of Hematology and Oncology and speaks on the subjects nationally.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 24, 1999 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the LPN Health Building Auditorium at Wallace College in Dothan. CEU credit will be offered for nurses, social workers, nursing home administrators, licensed professional counselors and other medical professionals. The cost is \$35 (pre-registered) or \$45 (on-site) and includes lunch. To register, by phone, call (334)983-3521, ext. 300.



THE COFFEE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY STAFF are left to right: David W. Eaddy, County Executive Director; James R. Johnson, Farm Loan Program Manager; Debra Nicholson, Ernestine McMonagle, Gloria Walls, Sophia Kelley, Sharon Stiles and Lloyd Helms. They are here to help area growers. Their job is to administer the farm programs that Congress passes. The two most recent programs—crop disaster and livestock feed assistance have greatly helped the farmers and Ag related industries in Coffee County. FSA also has a Federal Farm Loan Program to help farmers secure financing. The Farm Service Agency is located at the Coffee County Agriculture Complex in New Brockton.

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FALL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 23rd

ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION and COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION today announced their policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS	HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS
PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER YEAR	PER MONTH
1 10,712	893	1 15,244	1,271
2 14,378	1,199	2 20,461	1,706
3 18,044	1,504	3 25,678	2,140
4 21,710	1,810	4 30,895	2,575
5 25,376	2,115	5 36,112	3,010
6 29,042	2,421	6 41,329	3,445
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8 36,374	3,032	8 51,763	4,314

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PARENTS: If your total current household income is within the limits listed above, your children may be eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

They may apply by completing the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the applications is confidential and will be used only for purpose of determining eligibility. The information on the application may be verified at any time during the school year. Application may be submitted any time during the school year.

In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

The school security number must be provided for the primary wage earner or household member who signs the application. Aliens ineligible for social security numbers should indicate their status on the application.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has such children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, they should contact the school.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age or mental or physical handicap.

Under the provision of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the principal of each school will review the applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss it in more detail with that official. If a parent wishes to review the ruling further after discussing it with the school, he has a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by making a request either orally or in writing to Charles Pearce, Supt. whose address is 101 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323, or Roger Bowden, Supt. whose address is 400 Reddoch Hill Rd., Elba, AL 36323.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the free and reduced-price meal policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the level shown above.

A complete copy of the Policy is on file in each school and in the office of the Superintendent of Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools where it may be reviewed by any interested party.

All questions on the free and reduced-price application must be completed. Failure to include information on household members, income or food stamp case number, information on social security, and the signature of an adult household member will result in the denial of benefits.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce is host to countywide legislative breakfast



Following the hot breakfast of eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits, milk, juice and/or coffee, attendees at the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast heard a legislative report from Representative Gerry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley. Following their very positive comments, the legislators responded to questions from the group of business leaders.



Kinston Mayor Bill Mullins leads the food line at the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast last Friday morning. The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the countywide event which was attended by about 50 community and business leaders from throughout the county.



Miss Elba Leslie Stinson is shown serving a cup of coffee to Elba Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Kelley at the Friday morning Legislative Breakfast. The charming Miss Stinson continues to appear regularly at a wide variety of civic and social events during her reign as Miss Elba.

Sheriff's department joins with task force and Enterprise police to seize plot of marijuana plants

Last Thursday and Friday, the Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies, along with narcotics officers from the Enterprise Police Department and 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force, seized 159 marijuana plants. The "harvest" was made in the area north of the intersection of AL Hwy. 51 and AL Hwy. 167 with the assistance of an Alabama National Guard RAID helicopter. The helicopter crew spotted the plants from the air and directed officers on the ground to the plants. The street value of the 159 plants was estimated to be approximately \$350,000 or \$2,000 per plant. Officials say at least one arrest is expected in conjunction with the seizure and will come after further investigation.

This particular seizure is the result of the local law enforcement agencies' efforts to eradicate domestically grown marijuana.

Each year, law enforcement agencies receive numerous tips regarding suspicious activity which is believed to involve illegal growing of marijuana.

After compiling this information, the national guard RAID unit is contacted and a date determined for their assistance with aerial observation and detection.

Anyone with information regarding the illegal growing or selling of marijuana is urged to contact their local law enforcement agency.

Safety agencies join Cosco in recall of infant car seats/carriers

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Cosco Inc. of Columbus, Ind., is announcing the recall of about 670,000 Arriva and Turnabout infant car seats/carriers. When used as an infant carrier, the handle locks on

each side of the seat can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip forward. When this happens, the infant can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries.

"This is a serious problem that puts infants at risk," said C. P. S. C. Chairman Ann Brown.

"The handle locks on these car seat carriers can release without warning. Even if you regularly buckle your child into the seat, parents who have this car seat should call for a free repair kit immediately."

There have been 151 reports of the handle of the car seat/carrier unexpectedly releasing, resulting in 29 injuries to children. These reports include skull fractures, a broken arm, bumps on the head, black eyes, scrapes and bruises.

According to the reports, some injuries occurred to children who were restrained in the seat.

Parents should continue using these rear-facing infant car seats, but should not use the carrying handle until a repair kit has been installed.

N. H. T. S. A. Administrator Ricardo Martinez, M.D., said "Safety is our highest priority. A child safety seat that is installed and used correctly is the most effective safety device available for young children in automobiles."

The recall involves Arriva and Turnabout infant car seat/carriers manufactured between March 1, 1995 and September 9, 1997. The manufacture date and model number are written on a label located on the side of the seat. The car seat/carriers have the following model numbers:

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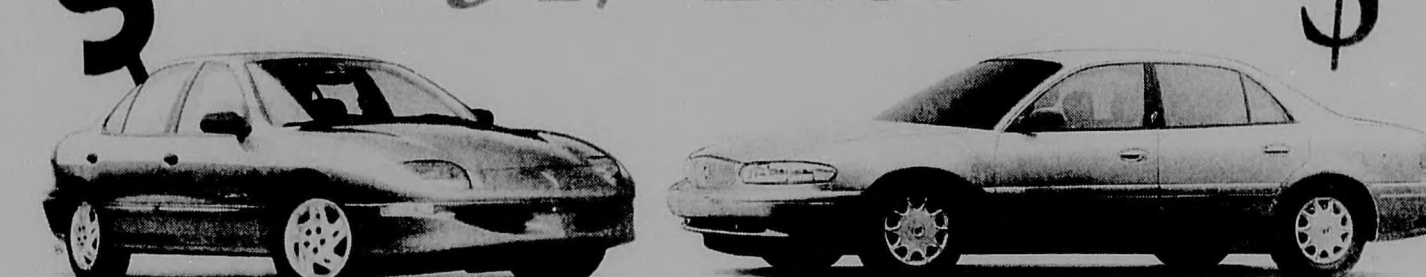
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Was '17,995 IS \$15,995



97 Honda Accord LX
Auto, PW, PDL, 4 door, 21k miles
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Hollywood film crew recreates Elba's March '90 flood

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Lights! Camera! Action!
If it's gonna flood in Elba, might as well be for Hollywood. That's right. The floods of 1990 and '98, which devastatingly brought national attention to Elba, have once again attracted cameras, but this time it has got a flip side.

Philip Morris USA, the owner of Miller Brewing, Philip Morris Tobacco and Kraft, is recreating the flood of 1990 for commercials that will be used for advertising and public relations.

"Traditionally, we have not been all that active with the public," said Peggy Roberts, director of corporate communications for Philip Morris. "These commercials are about a company that has a bigger story to tell than most people realize."

Roberts said it is not uncommon for a person to automatically think beer and tobacco when hearing the name "Philip Morris." However, what she said people do not realize is Philip Morris is a company that is in an estimated 9 out of every 10 homes in America because the company also owns Kraft, which produces many of the food products used by today's consumer.

Roberts said it is this unrealized knowledge about Philip Morris that the company has decided to break the silence about and share with the public, its shareholders and employees.



FOCUSED... Director Tony Scott takes a peek in the camera to make sure it's focused and ready to shoot a scene on the square early Tuesday morning.

When Miller Brewing shipped in truckloads of bottled water for the people of Elba after the 1990 flood, it was just one way that Philip Morris has shown its dedication to helping others throughout the years.

According to Roberts, the company is not only committed to helping people during times of disaster but also does a lot of work in fighting hunger and helping victims of domestic violence.

Roberts said the company chose

to tell the Elba story because there was plenty of documentation, but most importantly, because it was simply a "good story."

"People like to hear stories about small towns and real people," Roberts said. "That's why we are using local people for the filming of these commercials."

For months now, rumors of the commercial, casting and excitement have been growing among the people of "little ole" Elba. Then, reality set in on Monday as the equipment trucks began pulling in and crew members began preparing the area for filming. On Tuesday morning, the set was open and the cameras were rolling.

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He said that is a plus for this production considering the "stars" are just regular old "hometown" folks.

When asked about working here in Elba and the attitude of the people, Monaghan simply said, "It's fabulous."

He said many times they had heard of the "southern hospitality,"

which will reflect the talents of motion picture director Tony Scott. Scott is best known for his directorial work on such motion pictures as: "Top Gun," "Days of Thunder," "True Romance," "The Last Boy Scout," "The Fan," and "Enemy of the State."

"Tony is the nicest guy and has a great sense of humor," said Rory Monaghan of Leo Burnett. "It has been a pleasure for me to be able to work with him on this project."

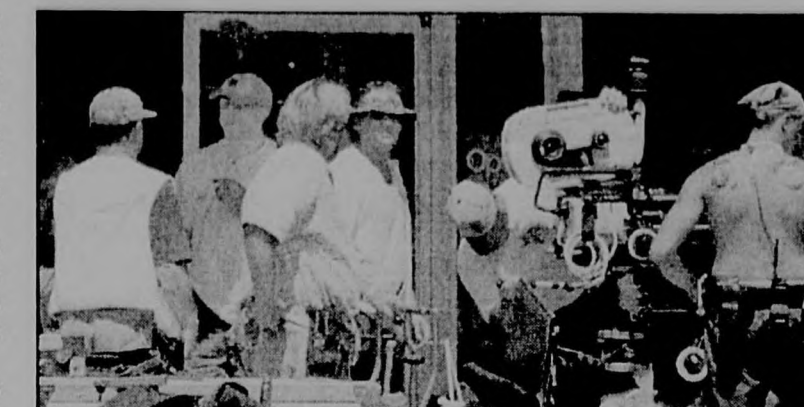
Monaghan said many of Scott's crew members have been working with him for about 15 years. He credits this to Scott being a wonderful guy to work with.

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SETTING UP... As director Tony Scott (far left) takes a minute to discuss the scene, a few of the approximately 100 crew members on the set prepare the camera for its next shot.

down here and are now learning about it first hand.

"The people have been open and kind," he said. "It's all been really neat."

And, the compliments seemed to go both ways.

Frances Brunson, who has been working with the production people for quite a few months in preparing for this week's work, said she had had nothing less than a wonderful

experience.

"This is the nicest bunch of folks," Brunson said. "They are certainly not like you typically would imagine Hollywood folks."

In the end, as production is slated to finish today, the one thing that appeared certain for everyone involved is that it was a great experience with many new and wonderful relationships formed.

Former JPO sues county for \$1.5 million

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A \$1.5 million lawsuit has been filed against Coffee County by a former juvenile probation officer.

Eva McGrath, through her attorney Paul Young of Enterprise, has named the Coffee County Commission as a defendant citing wrongful termination. The lawsuit contends that she was "unjustifiably and wrongfully terminated...with-out substantive and procedural due process" as provided for in the Coffee County Employee Handbook.

According to public accounts, Ms. McGrath was terminated from her job as a probation officer by District Judge Steve Blair who is responsible for overseeing the activities of juvenile probation officers. She was relieved of her duties on or about November 5, 1998 by Judge Blair. No legal action has been filed naming him as a defendant in the matter.

Ms. McGrath was terminated from her job shortly after she was replaced as chief probation officer by Gary Watson. All these events took place after a state audit revealed funds missing and Judge Blair restructured the Juvenile Office and instituted accounting procedures to ensure that it did not happen again. The judge previously replaced the more than \$1,500,000 which were unaccounted for.

Officials with the county commission were not aware that they were in a position to hire or fire juvenile probation officers since they have never been involved in the process. This has always been the responsibility of the sitting district judge.

In response to a request from Ms. McGrath for a grievance hearing before the commissioners, County Attorney Kenneth Fuller notified her that such a hearing had been denied since she was "not a county

employee."

With there still being some question as to whether or not McGrath was a county employee, Fuller filed a petition for a declaratory judgment to allow the court to decide the issue. That petition was filed on December 17, 1998.

According to court records, the petition was not acted on until June 18 after it was assigned to Circuit Judge Gary L. McAllely at which time he recused himself.

The following are excerpts from Judge McAllely's order in response to the commission's petition.

"The undersigned (Judge McAllely) is firmly of the opinion that Eva McGrath, for in excess of fifteen years has been THE hardest working, most unselfish, HONEST and dedicated Coffee County, Alabama, employee. The undersigned has heard the reasons proffered by her for her termination. However, the undersigned also is firmly of the opinion that Eva McGrath was terminated for other improper reasons/motivations by Coffee County District Judge Steven Blair."

She is asking, in addition to the \$1.5 million, to be reinstated to her former position or to a comparable county position with comparable pay and benefits; and to award her compensation for her time of unemployment.

The lawsuit filed by Ms. McGrath contends that her constitutional rights were violated and her reputation was damaged because the county commission failed to grant her a hearing.

She is asking, in addition to the \$1.5 million, to be reinstated to her former position or to a comparable county position with comparable pay and benefits; and to award her compensation for her time of unemployment.

"Having served as a judge in this Circuit for in excess of 22 years, the undersigned is firmly of the opinion that Eva McGrath, AT THE TIME

Rabid raccoon attacks county resident

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Last week, Coffee County had its seventh confirmed rabid animal with the report that a New Brockton farmer had been "attacked" by a raccoon.

According to reports, Buster Kelley was spraying his peanut crop located along Co. Rd. 537 when he had his encounter with the raccoon. Kelley had gotten down off his tractor to replenish his spray tanks when he felt a tugging at his pants leg. When he looked down, he was being attacked by a raccoon.

Unable to frighten the animal off, he had to resort to shooting the animal. He was later advised to have the dead animal tested for rabies since its actions were uncharacteristic.

It tested positive.

Rabies is an infectious disease of the central nervous system in warm-blooded mammals, including man, which is generally fatal unless specialized anti-rabies treatment is obtained immediately. It can be transmitted to people through the bite of an infected animal - wild or domesticated.

Due to having some unidentified scratches, Kelley is receiving a series of shots as a precautionary measure. According to the Alabama Department of Public Health records, the number of laboratory-confirmed rabid animals in the state increased from 87 in 1997 to 102 in 1998. In 1996 there were 93 cases confirmed, many fewer than in 1995 when there were 150 cases.

Elba's Sewer Project Update



SLOW GOING... is the watchword on the work being done on the sewer project in the Brookdale area. Five weeks had been allowed by the contractor to complete the work in this area of the project; however, after four weeks, only between 250 and 300 feet of pipe has been laid thus far. Two main factors in the time consuming work is the prominence of sugar sand in the area and the unusually wet summer we are experiencing. In the picture above, the construction crew is still on the street where the picture in the July 1st edition of *The Elba Clipper* was made. In the foreground, well points can be seen as they are being



used to remove the ground water around the construction site. The picture at the above right shows the amount of water being pumped continuously from the construction site via the well points.

Area Happenings

CRIMEWATCHERS MEETING. There will be an organizational meeting of neighborhood crime-watchers at the Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department Thursday (TOMORROW), July 22, at 7:00 p.m. All residents in the Zion Chapel/Jack area are encouraged to attend. The fire station is located on AL Hwy. 87 just south of the Zion Chapel High School.

AREA SCHOOL STARTS ANNOUNCED. Elba City Schools' students are to report for classes on Tuesday, August 10, 1999. Coffee County Schools (Zion Chapel, Kinston & New Brockton) are scheduled to begin classes on Wednesday, August 4, 1999.

AGRICULTURE PAGEANT & TALENT FIND. The 1999 Coffee County Miss Agriculture Pageant and Coffee County Talent Find will be held Friday (TOMORROW), July 23, 1999 at Enterprise High School.

Dorsey Trailers experiencing 10.8 % increase in sales over last year

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. (DSYT) recently announced financial results for second quarter 1999. Net income for the second quarter of 1999 was \$182,000 or \$0.04 per share compared to net income for the same period in 1998 of \$106,000 or \$0.02 per share. Net income for the six months ended July 4, 1999 was \$694,000 or \$0.14 per share compared to a net loss for the same period in 1998 of (\$541,000).

Net sales for the second quarter of 1999 were \$442.2 million compared to net sales for the same period in 1998 of \$399.9 million, a 10.8% increase. Net sales for the six months ended July 3, 1999 were \$899.9 million compared to net sales for the same period in 1998 of \$785.3 million, an 18.2% increase.

Marilyn R. Marks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, commenting on the results, stated, "We are pleased to report the continued profitability of the Company, reflecting the improvements made over the last several quarters in distribution, pricing, productivity and working capital management. While profitability exceeded the comparable 1998 quarter and six months periods, gross margins were

lower than first quarter 1999. The two primary reasons for this were the temporary production inefficiencies associated with a production increase at the Dillon, SC dump trailer plant, and a higher than normal level of national account business in second quarter production."

We continue to experience both volume growth and pricing stability while maintaining improvements in gross margin. The Company has increased the volume of new trailers sold by 5.6% for the first six months of 1999 over the prior year resulting in a \$13.7 million increase in revenue from new trailer sales. Gross profit on new trailers has improved over new trailers has improved \$2.3 million or 92.3%. These results are due to the continued improvement in production efficiencies at our Elba, AL facility. The Cartersville, GA facility, which manufactures flatbed trailers delivered its most profitable quarter since operations were begun at this plant. The Dillon, SC facility, which produces dump trailers, continues to focus on improving production efficiency while having its largest backlog and most aggressive production volume goals since operations began at this plant."